

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-13 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 14-25 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 14-25 are now pending in this application.

The cancellation of all originally filed claims 1-13 renders moot the various grounds of rejection set forth in the outstanding Office Action. Newly submitted claims 14-25 submitted with this response are believed to be free of the ground of rejection set forth in the Office Action for the following reasons.

New independent claim 14 is directed to the subject matter of Figures 2 and 3(II), especially as shown in cross-section in Sections A-A and B-B in Figure 3(II). This structure was not specifically claimed in the previous set of claims, and therefore the previously stated grounds of rejection were not applied to the now-claimed structure. The now-claimed structure is clearly not described in Harke, inasmuch as that reference does not describe a plate having solid edge regions on both major surfaces. Stancliffe relates only to a grooved plate structure, which is also different from the claimed structure in which the major central region of each plate is of generally uniform thickness. Thus, neither reference discloses or suggests the claimed structure.

The heat exchanger according to the present invention is intended to be made of plates of a relatively thin material, in particular a metal material, especially stainless steel. See new

claims 15-17 and 19. In one aspect of the invention, the heat exchanger is part of a motor vehicle that includes a power source that produces heat. See claims 20-25. The heat exchangers disclosed by neither Harke nor Stancliffe are suitable for use in such an automotive context.

For the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all of the claims currently in the present application define subject matter that is patentable over the cited prior art and that those claims are allowable. Further and favorable consideration of the present application, in the form of a Notice of Allowance of all claims, is believed to be next in order, and such action is courteously solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

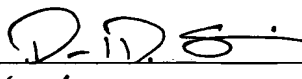
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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